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Gen. Martin honors Airmen by officiating enlisted promotions

Gen. Greg Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, officiated at the 377th Air Base Wing enlisted promotion ceremony Sept. 30 in the theater. Being promoted 'below the zone' to senior airman in October are, left to right: Zachary

Henderson, 898th Munitions Squadron; Nicholas Baker, 377th Comptroller Squadron; Annette Earnshaw and Lisa Dewispelaere, both of the 377th Security Forces Squadron.

377th Air Base Wing proves READY during INSI

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The call came on Wednesday afternoon. The Air Force Materiel Command Inspector General Team would arrive almost immediately. The Initial Nuclear Surety Inspection (INSI) would be conducted on Friday and Saturday.

Normally, the wing has a minimum of 72 hours to spin up for an Initial Nuclear Surety Inspection. However, there are always exceptions, and this was one of them.

TEAM KIRTLAND hit the ground

running in preparation for the inspection. The 377th Logistics Readiness Squadron provided vehicles and transport to and from the airport; the 377th Services Squadron ensured rooms were available and provided meals at the dining facility. Protocol and the Communications Division set up for the in-brief and out-brief. The 377th Security Forces Squadron ensured the inspectors were badged and processed in minimal time. Many others were standing by when called upon from 377th Mission Support Squadron. The 377th Medical Group and 898th Munitions Squadron

even provided the IG workcenter on very short notice.

NSIs are the toughest inspections in the Air Force. Normally units work for months preparing. There are only two ratings given for an INSI, Ready and Not Ready. One mistake can cause failure. You're either prepared or you're not. As Col. Hank Andrews stated, "In our kind of business we always have to be ready! This inspection was significant because TEAM KIRTLAND showed that we are ready. Even with such a short notice inspection our people performed flawlessly.

Outstanding job by the entire team! Thank you for being the world's best professionals and keeping the world a safe place to live. I am very honored to be part of your team!"

The inspectors wasted no time after the in-brief on Friday morning. The inspection began with the 898th Munitions Squadron. Documentation was scoured, records were inspected and a Tech-op was conducted. There was no time to put together an "A" Team. Five personnel were called in to conduct the

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